

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2004, Applicant amends his application and requests reconsideration in view of the amendments and the following remarks. In this amendment, claims 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8 have been amended, claim 3 has been cancelled without prejudice and no claims have been added so that claims 1, 2 and 4-8 remain pending.


Claims 1, 4 and 5 were objected to for a number of minor informalities. These informalities have been corrected.

Claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,607,552. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 3-5 and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended the claims consistent with the Examiner's comments. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

A favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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